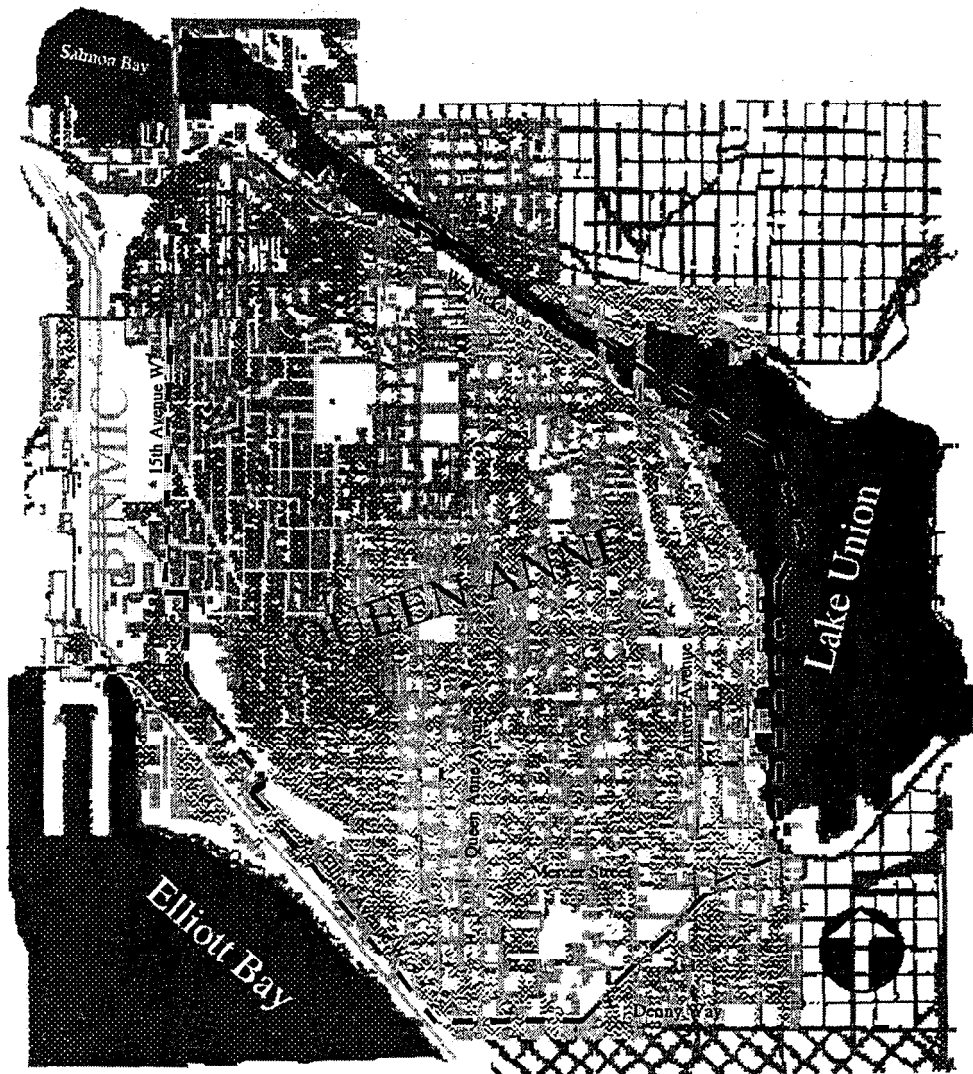


2.0 THE QUEEN ANNE ENVIRONMENT

2.1 QUEEN ANNE'S PLANNING AREAS

Queen Anne is one of Seattle's oldest neighborhoods and includes the site of the 1962 Seattle World's Fair (Seattle Center), The community includes Uptown Queen Anne (Lower Queen Anne) and the Seattle Center complex as well as Queen Anne Hill (Upper Queen Anne). The Queen Anne neighborhood is bounded to the south by Denny Way and Broad Street, separating it from the Denny

Figure 2.1



Queen Anne-Planning Area

Regrade and Denny Triangle Neighborhoods. To the north Queen Anne is bounded by the Lake Union Ship Canal, which separates it from the Fremont, Wallingford, and Ballard neighborhoods. West Nickerson Street provides access along this northern edge of the community. Queen Anne is defined to the west by 15th Avenue West and Elliott Avenue West, opposite the Ballard Interbay Northend Manufacturing & Industrial Center (BINMIC or Interbay) and Elliott Bay. Lake Union and the South Lake Union neighborhood (the Commons area) lies east of Queen Anne and is accessed by Westlake Avenue North. The Queen Anne Planning Area is shown in Figure 2.1.

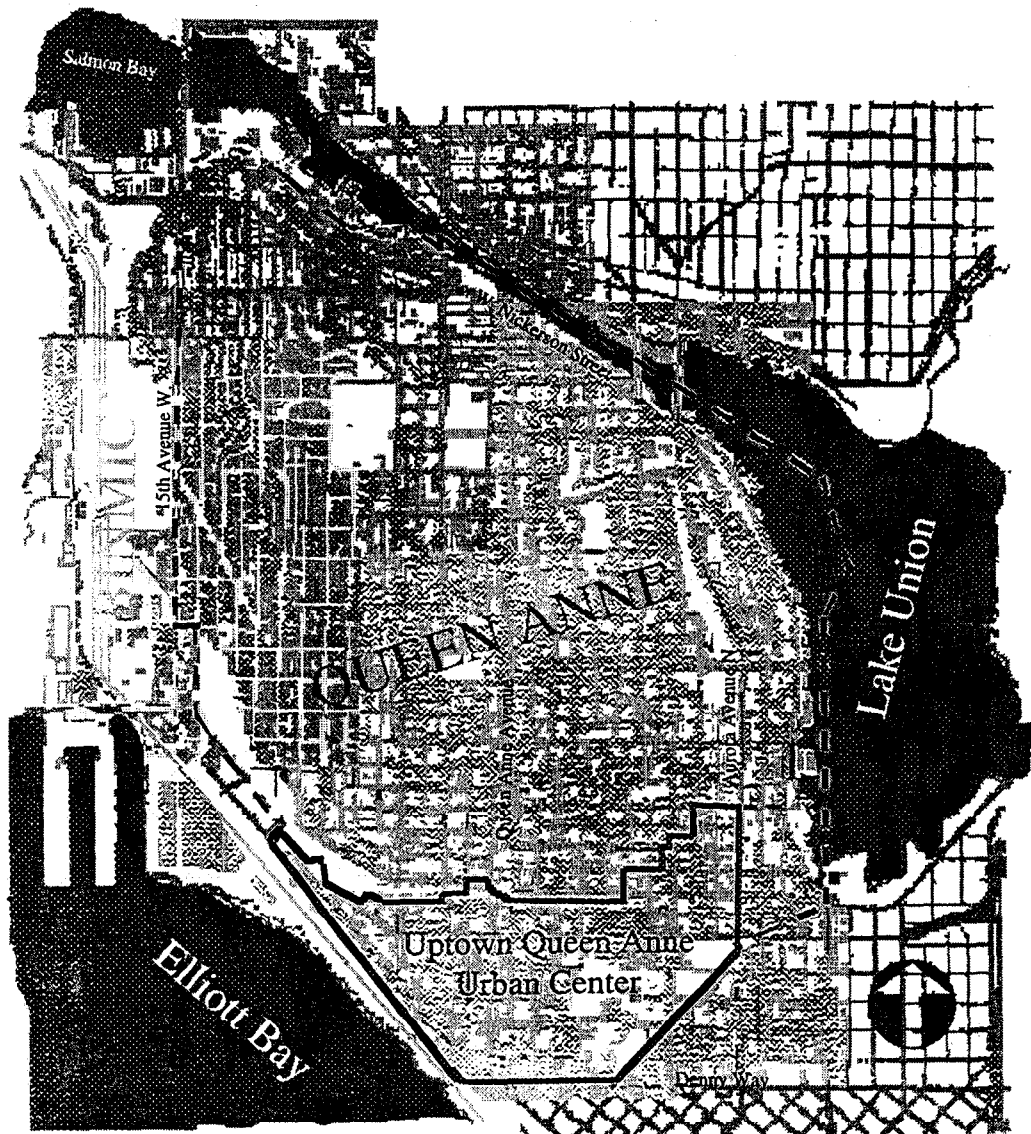


According to the 1990 Census, approximately 31,000 residents reside in Queen Anne. The Queen Anne Community Profile, provided by the City of Seattle, indicates that there are more than 17,000 households in the 2,020-acre neighborhood.

Uptown Queen Anne Urban Center (Seattle Center Urban Center)

In 1994 the City of Seattle designated Lower Queen Anne, including the Seattle Center, as the "Seattle Center Urban Center," consistent with King County's **Countywide Planning Policies and Comprehensive Plan** and regional planning efforts by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), and consistent with the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) (1990-91). King County recognized certain areas within its boundaries where zoning, access to transportation facilities, and present land uses provided opportunities to growth. These areas were identified as "centers" for the channeling of a substantial portion of the additional new development in order to meet forecast future growth needs under the GMA. The Seattle Center Urban Center was one of five urban centers designated within the City of Seattle. Each center was allocated growth targets for population, housing, and employment, depending upon its unique circumstances.

Figure 2.2



The Urban Center includes an area of 297 acres, has a total of 3,276 households, and employs approximately 19,000 people. Seattle Center occupies about one-half of this area. Zoning is predominantly Neighborhood Commercial 3 (NC3) which encourages street-level pedestrian-oriented commercial development with multifamily residential housing overhead.

This planning process has redesignated the Seattle Center Urban Center as the Uptown Queen Anne Urban Center and this title will be used throughout this document. Uptown Queen Anne is shown in Figure 2.2.

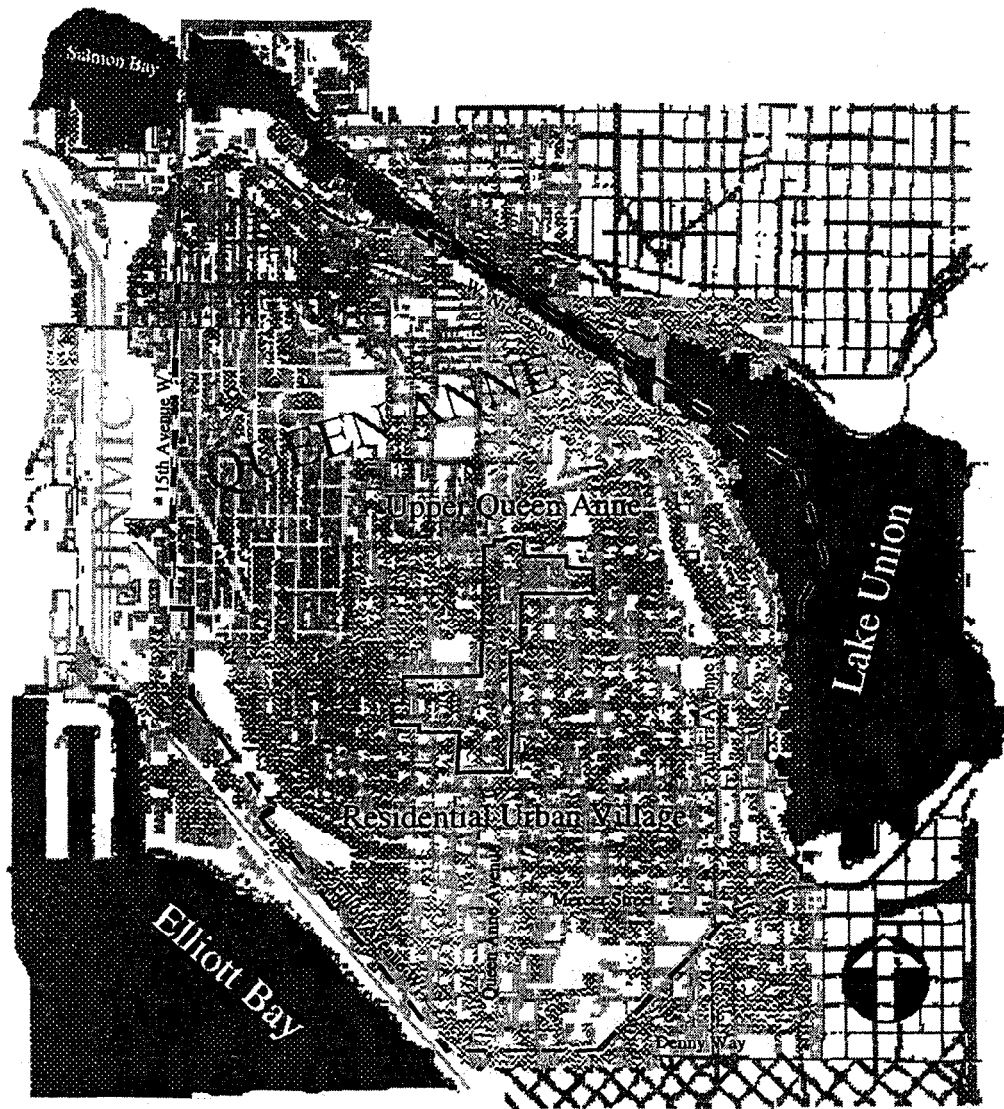
Queen Anne Planning Area



Upper Queen Anne Residential Urban Village (Tentative Designation by the City of Seattle)

The City of Seattle tentatively designated the Upper Queen Anne Residential Urban Village in the City's Comprehensive Plan (1994). The Queen Anne Plan no longer includes this tentative designation, however. It is shown in Figure 2.3 for reference purposes. The QANPC adopted the

Figure 2.3



Queen Anne Planning Area

recommendation of the QANPC's Urban Village Geographic Committee whose participants strongly opposed the original designation. The action pertains only to the Urban Village boundary, however. No changes have been recommended to zoning in this area. See Planning Recommendation QALU1 in the Matrix in Section 5.0.

The Upper Queen Anne Residential Urban Village was designated along an alignment of Queen Avenue and portions of West Galer Street, West McGraw Street, and West Boston and Boston Streets within an area of approximately 100 acres. The City of Seattle estimates that there are 1,063

households in this area. The area is dominated by small-scale, pedestrian-oriented commercial activities along Queen Anne Avenue, West Galer Street, West McGraw Street, and Boston Street. Most of this area is currently zoned Neighborhood Commercial (NC1 and NC2), Lowrise Multifamily (L1 and L2), and Single-Family (SF 5000).



2.2 HISTORIC TRENDS

A review of recent population and housing information was completed during the planning process to provide an overall context for the plan. U.S. Census Bureau data from the years 1970, 1980, and 1990 was reviewed for Census tracts corresponding to the Queen Anne Planning Area. In addition, historic employment characteristics for these same years was secured from the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). Additional information was secured from the City of Seattle.

Population Trends

The population of the entire Queen Anne Planning Area is currently estimated to be about 31,000 residents. A review of the data from Census tracts indicates that this population has not been steady, however, and that the area lost population over the 20-year period 1970 - 1990. The population decreased approximately 6 percent between 1970 and 1980, while the 1980s experienced only a 4 percent rebound in population.

Households

There has been an upward trend in the number of households in Queen Anne. In 1970 there were about 15,000 households in the Queen Anne Planning Area. By 1990 households had risen about 13 percent to 17,171. A recent review of City of Seattle data suggests that approximately an additional 980 households have been created since the 1990 Census, bring the total to about 18,151 (1997). The greatest number of households have been created in areas outside of the City's designated Urban Center (Uptown Queen Anne) and Urban Village (Queen Anne Village District).

Household Size

Household size decreased from 1970 to 1990 concurrent with the increase in the numbers of households. In 1970 there was an average of 2.10 persons/household. This number decreased 15 percent to a low of 1.82 persons per household in 1980. In 1990 the number had risen to 1.86 persons per household or about 2 percent. Over the 20-year period household size decreased approximately 15.4 percent. Household size has varied among different parts of Queen Anne. Uptown Queen Anne has had the lowest household size - 1.39 persons per household. The northwest part of Queen Anne was found to have the highest at 2.49 persons per household.

Housing Units

The number of housing units continues to increase in Queen Anne. Total housing units exceeded households in Queen Anne by about 6 percent in 1990; 5 percent in 1980; and about 9 percent in 1970. The Census lists 17,052 units in 1990. This is up 9 percent from the 1980's 15,612 units and almost 11 percent from the 1970's total of 15,405 units. The change from 1970 to 1980 was just over 1 percent. The 1980s saw a significant increase in the number of net new housing units. Recent evaluation of City of Seattle data indicate that the number of housing units has increased to approximately 18,084 (1997).

Value of Housing

The average of the median values of houses in Queen Anne increased dramatically over the 20-year period 1970 - 1990 and this has accelerated. In 1970 the average median price was \$23,457. By 1980 the average median value was \$82,386, a 351 percent increase. By 1990 the average median value was \$229,143, an increase of 278 percent from 1980 and a 977 percent increase from 1970. No median value was available for 1998, but research with local realtors indicates that homes on Queen Anne Hill within walking distance of the Village District now sell for between \$200,000 - \$500,000 while view homes on Queen Anne south slope fetch prices of up to \$1,000,000 and more.



Vacancy Status

Vacancies of all types decreased over the 20-year period. The U.S. Census classifies vacancies according to “rental,” “sale,” and “other” or unspecified. Rental units provided the greatest number of vacancies with sale units providing the smallest. Vacancies for all types of units was 1,266 in 1970. By 1980 total vacancies had decreased to 1,024. In 1990 vacancies totaled 987. Estimates of vacancy rates for 1998 indicate that this downward trend is continuing with significantly fewer vacant units than in previous years.

Rental vacancies provide an indication as to the availability of basic housing in the community. In 1970 the U.S. Census found that there were a total of 1,067 rental vacancies. By 1980 the total had slipped to 601 rental vacancies. Rental vacancies continued to decline through the 1990 Census when these totaled 484 units and evidence suggests that this trend has continued in the late 1990s. Interestingly, the number of “other vacancies” has risen inversely proportional to the decrease in rental vacancies over this period.

2.3 EXISTING CONDITIONS IN QUEEN ANNE

The conditions upon **which** the **Seattle Comprehensive Plan** was based (baseline conditions) were derived from various sources including the 1990 U.S. Census, King County Assessor’s Office, and the Puget Sound Regional Council. The information used by the City of Seattle to monitor growth in the City’s Urban Centers and Urban Villages include:

- . Number of Households
- . Household Density
- . Number of Jobs
- . Employment Density

These parameters are considered broad planning-level indices.

Greater Queen Anne Population and Households

According to the 1990 U.S. Census there were more than 31,100 persons living in the Queen Anne Planning Area, as the neighborhood is defined by the City of Seattle **ArcView DataViewer** Geographic Information System (GIS). This area includes both full Census tracts as well as some additional portions of Census tracts or Census blocks which lie within the defined Queen Anne Planning Area boundary. The total number of households in Queen Anne was 17,171 at the time of the 1990 Census. The Greater Queen Anne land area is approximately 2,020 acres. These data yield densities of 15.4 persons per acre and 8.5 households per acre.

Uptown Queen Anne Urban Center Population and Households

Information regarding the Uptown Queen Anne Urban Center population and households was made available during the planning process as part of a “Community Profile” which was based on data from the Seattle Neighborhood Planning Office. According to that information there were a total of 4,461 persons in Uptown Queen Anne in 1990. The number of households in this area totaled 1,063 with a planning area of 297 acres. The 1990 household density has been estimated to be 10.3 households/acre.

Upper Queen Anne Residential Urban Village Population and Households

The population of the tentatively designated Upper Queen Anne Residential Urban Village has been estimated at 2,369 persons in 1990. This area includes 1,063 households over 103 acres. Household density has been estimated at 11 .0 households/acre. **The Queen Anne Plan** eliminates the official

Urban Village designation, but densities in this area will continue to be higher than surrounding single-family residential areas.

Queen Anne Employment

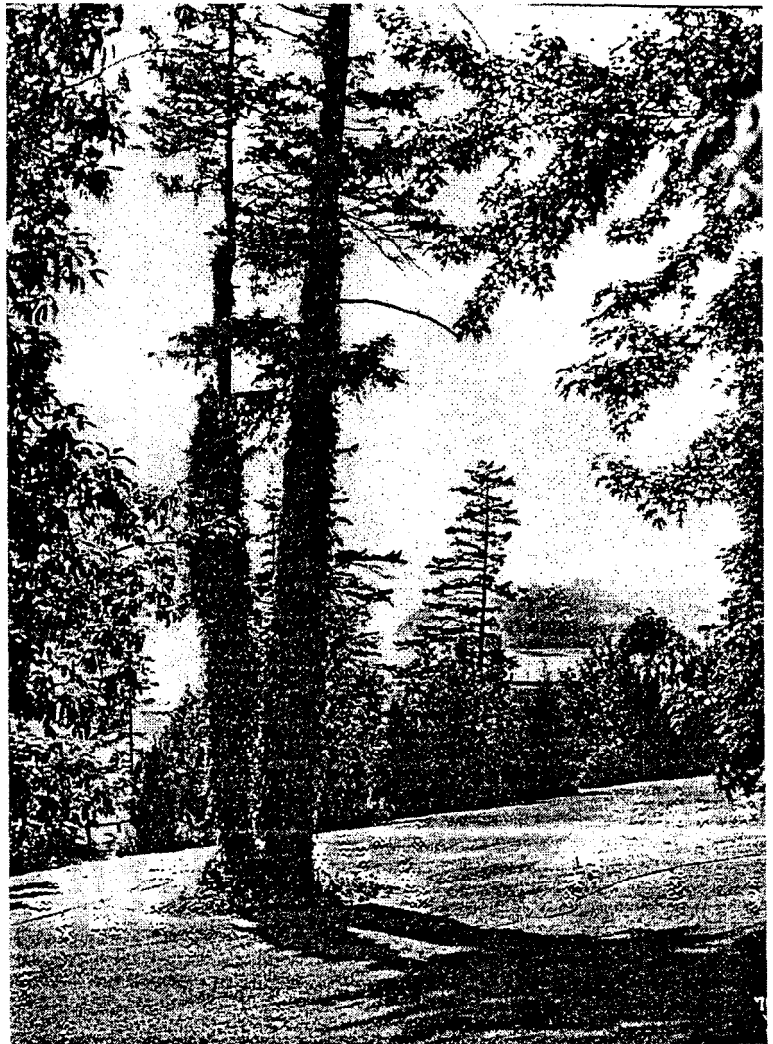
Employment forecasts were completed by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) in 1990. Total employment forecasts for the Queen Anne Planning Area are difficult to obtain, but an estimate of employment within this area may total more than 26,800 jobs not counting employment along Queen Anne's east slope, which could be substantial.

The City of Seattle has estimated employment for the Uptown Queen Anne Urban Center. The Urban Center Designation Package estimates that there were 19,000 jobs in the Urban Center in 1990.

2.4 QUEEN ANNE'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The variation in Queen Anne's topography is well known. The Queen Anne community is most often known for Queen Anne Hill, a prominent hill rising above Elliott Bay and Lake Union. The neighborhood is also known for "Lower Queen Anne" at the foot of Queen Anne Hill and which slopes gently southward toward downtown Seattle and what used to be Denny Hill before the regrade. Lowlands are also found north of the hill where Lake Union drained to Elliott Bay and which is now the alignment of the Lake Washington Ship Canal, linking Lake Union with Puget Sound.

Queen Anne Hill is characterized by relatively level lands on top of the hill and side slopes of varying steepness. Landslides are not uncommon on Queen Anne's steeper slopes which are mapped by the City of Seattle as Critical Areas (Steep Slopes of 40 percent or more and Landslide Hazard Areas). A shoreline ridge defines Lower Queen Anne from the historic shore of Elliott Bay (along Elliott Avenue W.) One significant drainage is located along Queen Anne Hill's northeast ridge, and this has carved a deep ravine within the landscape.



Kinnear Park, ca.1897-1900

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Surface waters associated with the planning area include Elliott Bay (Puget Sound) to the west; Lake Union to the east; the Lake Washington Ship Canal along the planning area's north boundary, and Salmon Bay to the northwest. A stream runs in the ravine along the hill's northeast ridge. This natural drainage enters the City's storm drain system before entering either the Ship Canal or Lake Union.

Queen Anne's steeper slopes support a variety of vegetative greenbelts and urban forests. Broad leaf deciduous tree species are most common in these areas which are concentrated along Queen Anne



Hill's southwest slopes and along the eastern ridges overlooking Lake Union. The ravine in the north side of the hill is also heavily wooded with riparian habitat and is mapped as such. Other limited forested uplands exist wherever slopes have been left undeveloped.

Despite significant areas of more natural vegetation, Queen Anne is largely urban in character. Steep slopes, existing riparian habitat, and other residual sensitive areas notwithstanding, the Queen Anne community is extensively developed and urban in character. This urban landscape contains numerous landscaped treatments and landscape opportunities are ample. These developed areas do not, however, provide significant natural habitat.



Elliott Avenue at West **Mercer**, 1921

Seattle Municipal Archives





3.0 GOALS AND POLICIES

The Queen Anne Neighborhood Planning Committee facilitated the drafting of the Queen **Anne Plan** Goals and Policies. Goals and policies were developed during Phase II of the planning process concurrent with the identification of Specific Plans and Planning Recommendations.

Drafting the Goals and Policies was a collaborative and iterative process. The first step in the drafting of the goals and policies was to revisit the Queen Anne Vision Statement and the issues identified during Phase I. Each Topical Committee, with input from representatives from the Geographic Committees, articulated topic-specific planning goals. Committees reviewed the Seattle **Comprehensive Plan** to assure overall consistency and built upon the Comprehensive Plan to create Queen Anne-specific goal statements. Policies were then articulated which provided a more specific level of definition and which were consistent with the Planning Recommendations still under development.

The draft Goals and Policies were developed by committee and forwarded to the planning team for refinement.. A consistent set of statements was created by the planning team from the draft Goals and Policies, and these were reviewed by the full QANPC and comments and revisions were made. The Goals and Policies which follow reflect this sequential process and have been adopted by the QANPC as the **Queen Anne Plan** Goals and Policies.

3.1 COMMUNITY CHARACTER

Goal 1: Create and enhance a strong sense of community on Queen Anne.

Policy **CH1.1** Create a unique identity for the Urban Center.

Goal 2: Enhance the physical and design characteristics of each area in Queen Anne.

Policy CH1.2 Enhance the unique character of each business district.

Policy CH2.2 Create and maintain attractive pedestrian-oriented streetscapes appropriate to each area.

Policy CH2.3 Preserve the individual characteristics of the single-family and mixed-use neighborhoods.

Policy CH2.4 Enhance community character through increased open space, street trees, and other vegetation.

Policy **CH2.5** Encourage development of an urban character in the Urban Center.

Policy CH2.6 Support the establishment of specific Queen Anne community design guidelines.

Goal 3: Strengthen the sense of community and the urban character of the Urban Center by encouraging the establishment of an identifiable residential community in the Urban Center.



Policy CH3.1 Encourage development of a system of specially-landscaped or “green” streets with associated multifamily housing to promote the establishment of a quality residential neighborhood core.

Goal 4: Preserve, restore, and re-use resources of cultural, architectural or social importance in order to maintain Queen Anne’s unique sense of place and to adapt to change gracefully.

Policy CH4.1 Identify and give recognition to Queen Anne’s historic buildings, sites, and other resources.

Policy CH4.2 Inform property owners and assist them in maintaining and restoring historic buildings.

Policy CH4.3 Educate the general Queen Anne community about the community’s historic legacy and resources and involve community members in their preservation.

Policy CH4.4 Actively encourage appropriate renovations and new uses of older buildings to retain both community character and economic viability.

Policy CH4.5 Encourage implementation and enhancement of tax credits and other incentives, financial and otherwise, for owners of historic buildings.

3.2 HUMAN SERVICES & HOUSING

Goal 1: Create and enhance a sense of community on Queen Anne.

Policy H1.1 Provide methods for information exchange and community building, and a facility for community activities.

Goal 2: Facilitate access to human services for those in need.

Policy H2.1 Provide information and referral for human services.

Goal 3: Assure that the continued growth and development in Queen Anne results in a balanced and compatible mix of housing types and densities, including affordable, subsidized, and special needs housing.

Policy H3.1 Encourage a range of housing types (single-family housing, ground-related multifamily, moderate-to-high density multifamily, accessory dwelling units) as appropriate for each area.

Policy H3.2 Create and maintain a mix of housing types that are attractive and affordable to a diversity of ages, incomes, household types, household sizes and cultural backgrounds.

Policy H3.3 Promote methods of assuring that existing housing stock will enable changing households to remain in the same home or neighborhood for many years.



- Policy H3.4 Identify “at risk” affordable housing and preserve existing low-income housing.
- Policy H3.5 Encourage the use of public subsidy funds and appropriate tax incentives for the production or preservation of low-income housing in the Queen Anne area.
- Policy H3.6 Promote availability and financing of options for affordable housing such as cooperatives, community land trusts and down payment/renter assistance.
- Policy H3.7 Support and promote programs that provide financial assistance to low-income homeowners to maintain their properties:
- Policy H3.8 Support and promote programs that provide information to property owners and tenants to assist them in maintaining their property.
- Policy H3.9 Support programs to provide information to developers to guide them in providing housing appropriate for the community, especially low-income and affordable housing.

Human Services/Housing Goals and Policies Specific to the Urban Center

- Goal 4: Create a larger residential community in the Urban Center.
 - Policies H4.1 Modify city regulations to encourage multifamily construction in this area for a range of incomes, ages, and household types.
 - Policies **H4.2** Encourage development of a distinct core residential neighborhood district in the Urban Center to promote residential development in this area.

3.3 LAND USE

General Land Use Goals and Policies

- Goal 1: The Queen Anne community seeks to integrate diverse land uses within its planning boundary and recognizes the uniqueness of all parts of the neighborhood, including designated urban areas.
 - Policy **LU1.1** Queen Anne recognizes the Urban Center designation and encourages the City of Seattle to implement actions which will create a unique urban center in this vital part of Queen Anne.
 - Policy **LU1.2** Queen Anne recognizes the unique character and history of its existing residential neighborhoods and seeks to maintain these areas as quality residential areas.
 - Policy **LU1.3** Queen Anne supports land uses and development patterns which promote the Queen Anne Vision.



Urban Center Goals and Policies

Goals and policies directing future land use development in Queen Anne's Urban Center.

Goal 2: Queen Anne encourages the development of a viable and attractive Urban Center.

Policy LU2.1 Adopt the City of Seattle designated Seattle Center Urban Center boundary.

Policy LU2.2 Encourage the attainment of the City of Seattle Urban Center growth forecasts through current zoning and the implementation of Queen Anne Plan recommendations.

Policy LU2.3 The Urban Center is a vibrant mix of land uses, activities, and populations. Queen Anne encourages a diverse, but harmonious, mix of residential, business, and institutional activities and will promote land uses that maintain this Urban Center diversity.

Policy LU2.4 The Urban Center is a distinct Queen Anne neighborhood with a unique urban character. Maintain and enhance this character for the benefit of Urban Center stakeholders, all Queen Anners, and the City of Seattle.

Policy LU2.5 Create appropriate historical conservation areas which will better ensure the preservation of existing historic structures as well as **more-affordable** residential areas.

Policy LU2.6 Encourage the development of a unique urban residential neighborhood in the Urban Center by allowing Single-Purpose Residential buildings in designated existing Neighborhood Commercial 3 (NC3) zones, according to recommendations of the Queen Anne Plan.

Policy LU2.7 Encourage land uses and urban character development which will facilitate the establishment of a high-capacity transit/multi-modal node(s) in the Urban Center in locations consistent with Queen Anne Plan recommendations.

Policy LU2.8 Encourage the creation of quality residential, commercial, and institutional uses in the Urban Center.

Policy LU2.9 Development in Queen Anne's Urban Center should be **pedestrian-oriented** to the extent possible to ensure that this vital area retains its human scale.

Policy LU2.10 Business activities are an important use in the Urban Center and should be maintained. To the extent possible, encourage uses which will promote affordable locations for local businesses.

Policy LU2.11 Residential uses are important in the Urban Center and should be encouraged. To the extent possible, encourage uses which will promote a diversity of housing opportunities in the Urban Center, including opportunities for affordable housing.

Greater Queen Anne Goals and Policies



Goals and policies directing future land uses in areas outside Queen Anne's Urban Center.

Goal 3: Promote the development of Queen Anne consistent with the Queen Anne Vision and which will retain the community's essential character.

Policy LU3.1 No increases in designated residential densities or increases in the allowable intensity of commercial uses beyond those specified in the existing Land Use Code shall be sought for the neighborhood under the Queen Anne Plan.

Policy LU3.2 Queen Anne shall identify the need for and the extent of additional designated urbanized areas throughout the neighborhood consistent with existing zoning (in addition to the designated Urban Center). The Queen **Anne Plan** reflects the community's long-standing opposition to the tentative Upper Queen Anne Residential Urban Village designation by recommending that it not be adopted as the most effective way to preserve the area's desirable character and quality of life. This action will not jeopardize adopted growth targets.

Policy LU3.3 Seek opportunities to retain the Queen Anne community's unique physical and social community which expresses its history, extraordinary assets, and talented people.

Policy LU3.4 Encourage varied housing opportunities for a diverse population, especially including strong single-family neighborhoods and attractive multifamily neighborhoods, by retaining the existing and designated mix of land uses throughout the neighborhood.

Policy LU3.5 Encourage land uses which preserve and protect the character of neighborhood commercial areas.

Policy LU3.6 Provide for an attractive and harmonious transition between different land uses, including commercial areas and single-family areas.

Policy LU3.7 Seek to provide a balance between various residential uses and commercial uses and their demands on parking and traffic.

Policy LU3.8 All future Queen Anne land use development decisions shall be based on sound concurrency principles consistent with the Washington State Growth Management Act.

Policy LU3.9 Allow limited amounts of development in areas outside of the Urban Center to maintain the general intensity of development that already characterizes the area.

Policy LU3.10 Land Use Code changes that take effect unless a neighborhood plan provides otherwise, shall not take effect in the Queen Anne planning area.

Goal 4: Protect the existing character of Queen Anne's single family neighborhoods.

Policy LU4.1 Maintain the character of areas which are predominantly developed with single-family structures, including the use, development and density characteristics of single-family areas.



- Policy LU4.2 Preserve current non-conforming uses in the single-family areas. These existing uses (including non-conforming residential uses) provide a compatible mix and balance of use **types** and housing densities referred to in Queen Anne's neighborhood planning document ***Revised Goals and Policies and Limited Action Plan for Queen Anne Hill*** (1992). New non-conforming uses shall not be permitted in these areas.
- Policy LU4.3 Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in single-family zones should be limited to the principal residential structure and be subordinate in size and character in order to discourage the development of duplexes and other multifamily structures in these zones.

Seattle Center Relationship

Goals and policies which address the relationship between the Queen Anne neighborhood and Seattle Center.

- Goal 5: Promote uses which enhance the relationship between the Queen Anne neighborhood and Seattle Center.
- Policy LU5.1 Encourage Seattle Center to plan and implement development which will enhance the quality of life in the Queen Anne neighborhood.
- Policy LU5.2 Seek ways to ensure that Seattle Center remains a vibrant and valuable community resource and a premier regional amenity.

3.4 PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

General Parks and Open Space Goals and Policies

- Goal 1: Retain and maintain the existing inventory of parks and facilities in the Queen Anne neighborhood to support Queen Anne's diverse population and attract future residents, including family-oriented residents.
- Policy P1.1 In aggregate, permit no net loss of open space and park facilities in the Queen Anne planning area, including areas within the Urban Center.
- Policy P1.2 Replace aging facilities and equipment to maintain the existing mix of recreational activities and facilities for Queen Anne residents.
- Policy P1.3 Accommodate a range of uses in local parks which will meet the needs and interests of today's population and assist in attracting a diverse residential population in the future.
- Policy P1.4 Maintain the character of existing neighborhood park facilities to ensure continued local neighborhood use rather than regional use.
- Policy P1.5 Recognize and strive to meet the needs of emerging recreational interests in Queen Anne (e.g., off-lease areas and P-Patch gardening) by acquiring new recreational facilities and properties rather than redirecting existing parks for these new uses.



Policy P1.6 Conduct all park planning and design under a “master plan” process to ensure the adequacy of the planning process and public input, and to establish phased development for parks and facilities.

Goal 2: Meet Queen Anne’s existing and future parks and open space needs.

Policy P2.1 Identify and acquire new parks in underserved areas of the planning area to accommodate targeted growth.

Policy P2.2 Transfer existing city-owned properties currently used as parks by neighbors to increase parks and open space level of service in areas anticipating new growth.

Goal 3: Develop connections to neighboring areas and complete existing park and recreation projects in the Queen Anne Hill area.

Policy P3.1 Link upper and lower Queen Anne by developing an east-west pedestrian corridor over the hill and a north-south pedestrian corridor over the hill as well.

Policy P3.2 Support neighbors initiatives to participate in other city green-space programs such as Green Streets, Gray-to-Green Initiatives, etc.

Policy P3.3 Complete planning, design and construction of circulation projects that encourage pedestrian and bicycle uses such as the West Lake Union Trail and the Ship Canal Trail

Historic Boulevard Goals and Policies

Goal 4: Recognize and enhance the stature of Queen Anne’s Historic Boulevard.

Policy P4.1 Preserve, enhance, and develop Historic Queen Anne Boulevard as a major park/recreation/pedestrian trail element comprising the largest amount of city-owned land on Queen Anne Hill.

Urban Center Goals and Policies

Goals and policies directing parks and open space development in Queen Anne’s Urban Center.

Goal 5: Ensure that the Urban Center has adequate parks and open space to meet the existing and future needs of its residents and other stakeholders.

Policy P5.1 Provide for passive neighborhood park space in Urban Center to supply open space for future population increases and to attract a diverse residential population.

Policy P5.2 Provide park-like amenities or street landscaping in designated areas of the Urban Center to better ensure the development of an attractive core residential neighborhood in this area.

Policy P5.3 Transfer existing city-owned properties currently used as parks within or adjacent to the Urban Center to increase parks and open space availability to meet the needs of a growing population.

Open Space and Sensitive Areas Goals and Policies



Goal 6: Provide for open space and sensitive areas preservation to ensure Queen Anne retains its unique natural environment while providing a safe urban environment.

- Policy **P6.1** Enhance the habitat value of the area's open spaces and future parks by preparing and implementing comprehensive habitat plans.
- Policy P6.2 Encourage habitat-supportive of wildlife of a variety of kinds through planning, plant selection, and ongoing selective maintenance activities.
- Policy P6.3 Protect the integrity of critical areas through habitat restoration planning and implementation.
- Policy P6.4 Support revisions to Drainage Code to ensure drainage improvements in open space are appropriate.

Goals and Policies for Parks Stewardship

Goal 7: Exercise public stewardship and provide leadership in park and recreation resource for the benefit of residents and preservation of the park assets.

- Policy **P7.1** Restore integrity of public park property for public use by removing encroachments to public lands.
- Policy P7.2 Ensure that major maintenance items are addressed in a timely manner to prevent erosion of public park facilities and ensure public safety.
- Policy P7.3 Prioritize tree maintenance to ensure continued viability of historic legacy and urban forest.
- Policy P7.4 Involve the public in a comprehensive evaluation of maintenance techniques and strategies.

3.5 TRANSPORTATION

Addressing Identified Traffic/Transportation Issues

Goal 1: Maintain the quality of urban life in Queen Anne by addressing the traffic/transportation issues identified during the Queen Anne planning process.

- Policy **T1.1** Take steps to diversify modes of transportation available to Queen Anne stakeholders emphasizing non-SOV modes.
- Policy T1.2 Support a solution beneficial to the Queen Anne neighborhood to address the physical condition of and the traffic congestion on the **Mercer/Roy/Broad** corridor connecting Queen Anne, Ballard, Magnolia, BMMIC, and other areas with Interstate 5.
- Policy T1.3 Restrict large truck use of **Mercer** Street, between Elliott Avenue, Dexter Avenue N., and other Urban Center routes to discourage industrial through-traffic and to retain the character of the Urban Center and assure safety.
- Policy T1.4 Promote mobility between Queen Anne's neighborhoods and between Queen Anne and other urban centers and recreation centers.



- Policy T1.5 Reduce the impacts of traffic from Seattle Center on Queen Anne neighborhoods.
- Policy T1.6 Provide transit modes and options which will allow Seattle Center and the Urban Center to develop with grace, civility, and which will enhance access for employment, tourism, and neighborhood life.
- Policy T1.7 Use streets and transportation modes in a manner which will retain and support Queen Anne's urban character.
- Policy T1.8 Maximize the efficient use of all arterials for diverse modes of transportation.
- Policy T1.9 Provide multi-modal access, including transit and bicycle access, to BINMIC and other employment areas adjacent to Queen Anne.

Promoting a High-Quality Urban Environment

- Goal 2: Encourage and maximize the use of alternative modes of transportation.
- Goal 3: Seek to improve the timeliness and efficiency of the delivery of persons, goods, and services via the transportation environment.
- Goal 4: Create a transportation environment that will support Queen Anne's urban development.
- Goal 5: Reduce peak-hour traffic congestion in Queen Anne as well as congestion associated with Seattle Center.

- Policy T5.1 Support high-capacity transit initiatives to bring service to Seattle Center and the Urban Center.
- Policy T5.2 Support the establishment of transit connections between Sound Transit Commuter Rail and the Urban Center, and the Immunex area/BINMIC.
- Policy T5.3 Work with King County/Metro to maximize the utilization and service of the "Counterbalance" trolley route by implementing a local circulator service.
- Policy T5.4 Improve mobility at intersections along the "Counterbalance" route, especially at the top and bottom of the "Counterbalance" blocks of Queen Anne Avenue between Roy and Galer Streets, and provide opportunities to present the story of the historic "Counterbalance" via a monument or public art.
- Policy T5.5 Work with King County/Metro to improve bus service between Queen Anne's Urban Center and other urban centers.
- Policy T5.6 Assure that the **Urban** Center is adequately served by all forms of public transportation, including potential future light rail and monorail systems.
- Policy T5.7 Establish a system of **bicycle** facilities around Queen Anne to encourage safe and convenient regional bicycle commuting.



- Policy T5.8 Work with King County/Metro and Sound Transit to assure cyclists have convenient and continuous access to all forms of public transportation.
- Policy T5.9 Establish a system of bicycle routes throughout Queen Anne, including Queen Anne Hill.
- Policy T5.10 Establish access to the Elliott Bay waterfront for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Policy T5.11 Support Seattle Center's efforts to establish the "Potlatch Trail."
- Policy T5.12 Provide urban character-enhancing improvements to Queen Anne's streets such sidewalk improvements, transit facilities, landscaping, and appropriate lighting.
- Policy T5.13 Maintain the existing system of streets, sidewalks, bridges, and stairs in Queen Anne to a professional standard.
- Policy T5.14 Maintain a high level of traffic and parking enforcement.
- Policy T5.15 Support Seattle Center's "Theater Street" concept for improvements to Mercer Street to enhance pedestrian access and facilitate improved vehicle traffic flow.
- Policy T5.16 Actively seek to alleviate parking problems in the Urban Center through the extension of Residential Parking Zones (RPZs), new parking structures, meter strategies, and other means available and supported by the community.
- Policy T5.17 Actively seek solutions to Mercer Street congestion.
- Policy T5.18 Plan and implement a "green street" or landscaped corridor street system in the Urban Center to enhance the urban character of Queen Anne.

3.6 QUEEN ANNE BUSINESS DISTRICTS

- Goal 1: Grow and sustain a healthy Queen Anne business community.
 - Policy B1.1 Support an appropriate funding mechanism for business improvements and promotion of the Queen Anne's business districts.
- Goal 2: Promote safe commercial districts for patrons, visitors, employees, and business owners.
 - Policy B2.1 Ensure adequate facilities (e.g., lighting) for safety in pedestrian and parking areas.
 - Policy B2.2 Implement programs or activities (e.g., business block watch programs) to respond to safety-related issues in commercial districts and adjacent residential areas.
 - Policy B2.3 Ensure safety at all pedestrian crossings on Queen Anne business district streets.
- Goal 3: Increase business district accessibility for both Queen Anners and the rest of Seattle.



Policy B3.1 Promote public transportation options from other nearby Seattle neighborhoods to Queen Anne business districts.

Policy B3.2 Promote transit opportunities within the Queen Anne neighborhood linking business districts, especially between the Urban Center and other parts of Queen Anne, including the Counterbalance.

Policy B3.3 Ensure adequate parking capacity Queen Anne businesses.

Goal 4: Provide a diverse mix of stores and services to meet the needs of the community.

Policy B4.1 Seek to fill identified market gaps in Queen Anne. Work with commercial property owners and business organizations to attract desired businesses.

Goal 5: Encourage more locally-owned businesses in the Queen Anne community.

Policy B5.1 Help locally-owned business succeed.

Policy B5.2 Promote and campaign for patronage of local businesses by the community.



